GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4913
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FOREIGN TOUR OF OFFICIALS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have issued guidelines for austerity and economy measures to all the Department/Ministries of Government of India in 1998;

(b) if so, whether the expenditure of officials of CWC on foreign travels increased from Rs.37,885 in 1996-97 to Rs.29,26,311 in the year 1998-99;

(c) if so, whether this has furhter increased in the recent years;

(d) if so, the details of the total expenditure incurred by CWC on foreign tour during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 so far; and

(e) the steps taken or guidelines issued to CWC to curtail its expenditure on foreign tour?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Finance had issued guidelines on Expenditure Management,Fiscal Prudence and Austerity vide O.M. No. F. 19(1) E-II(A)/98 dated 20th August, 1998.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c)&(d): No, Sir. The Expenditure has rather decreased drastically in the recent years.

The details of the total expenditure incurred by CWC on foreign tours during 2000-2001 and 2001-2001 so far are as under:

Year	Amount
2000-2001	Rs.1,70,718/-
2001-2002	-Nil-

(e): Further instructions were issued by the Ministry of Finance on 24.09.2000 on Expenditure Management, Fiscal Prudence and Austerity which are also applicable to all the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) including CWC.Consequent upon having followed Government`s guidelines on expenditure management, expenditure on foreign tours/ trainings has been reduced drastically over the year.